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GEN CLARKE. INFO: JCS FOR GEN LEMNITZER; USAB BERLIN FOR
GEN WATSON

I have authorized Gen Clarke to direct Col von Pawel to present the following statement orally to Colonel-General Yakubovsky (Marshal Koniev's replacement). It is planned that General Clarke will direct the delivery of this message as early as practicable from Monday, 23 April, on.

"General Clarke has asked me to inform you that he has looked into the matter of Armed Forces Day activities, over which Marshal Koniev expressed some concern during the meeting of 5 Apr. He has asked that I inform you that Marshal Koniev's information, whatever its source, was erroneous. The U.S. Army, Berlin, plans to observe Armed Forces Day this year on about the same scale as in previous years. *although it accepts no limitation on the number of participants who may be flown into West Berlin for display*" In regard to another point raised by Marshal Koniev during the meeting on 5 Apr, General Clarke has asked that I inform you

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that General Watson has taken steps aimed at normalizing the relationship between the U.S. and Soviet Commandants in Berlin. Representatives of the two commandants already have had informal talks. General Clarke shares the hope that a satisfactory basis can be established for a return to normal relationships and trusts that you will take the necessary action your side to see that this is facilitated.

"General Clarke has also asked that I bring to your attention a number of incidents which have occurred at the Soviet checkpoints on the Berlin-Helmstedt autobahn. These incidents appear to serve no purpose other than to harass and delay our convoys and to demean our personnel. General Clarke feels that these actions are not consistent with the tone of his recent discussion with Marshal Koniev. He stated that he was sure you would agree that checkpoint procedures should be solely for the purpose of facilitating and expediting processing and should not subject soldiers to indignities or to unnecessary discomfort. General Clarke hopes that, having this matter brought to your personal attention, you will take steps to insure that the type of action I have described will be discontinued." SCP 4.

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